

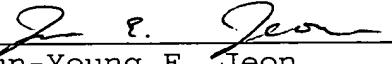
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This response is in response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 8, 2003. While the Notice of July 8, 2003 indicates that the status identifier is missing for claim 16, applicant's attorney contacted the Examiner to clarify that the status identifier is missing for claim 26 instead. Accordingly, applicant has inserted the status identifier for claim 26. In addition, applicant has inserted the status identifier "Previously Cancelled" where appropriate. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the indication of non-compliance be withdrawn from the present application.

Claims 1-4, 8-12, 14-19, 24-26, 30 and 32-39 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 9, 17, 32 and 36 are independent. None of the claims have been amended herein. Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-4, 8-12, 14-19, 24-26, 30 and 32-39 be allowed and an early issuance of a patent. If there are any issues that can be addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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